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DYNAMIC BEARING FOR AN ELECTRIC  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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